GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Command Area Development Programme is being restricted in the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the States have been consulted on the issue;

(d) if so, the response thereto; and

(e) the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (e) Keeping in view the recommendations of the Working Groups of the Planning Commission, the suggestions of the Ministry of Finance and the views expressed at the Conference of State Secretaries held at New Delhi in the month of June, 2002, the Command Area Development Programme hasbeen restructured to include some new components and delete a few of the ongoing items. The components of the programme proposed to be deleted during the X Plan are land levelling and shaping, sprinkler and drip irrigation, conjunctive use of surface and ground water, crop compensation and introduction of suitable cropping patterns as these are primarily subsidy oriented and the Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development haveprovision for such activities under their existing schemes. Some new components aimed at correction of deficiencies in the irrigation systems, renovation of Minor Irrigationtanks, and intermediate/link drains for facilitating drainage have, however, been added to the programme to make it more beneficial to the farmers. In the Conference mostof the States agreed for revision in the Programme during the X Plan. The proposal for Tenth plan has been submitted to the Planning Commission.